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Dear FBI:

PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM
 Well you did it to us again didn't you? On the Sunday news when I first heard about the "scandal" I was really pleased to think someone out there was trying to help the country "clean up it's act" but sure enough on Monday news who gets arrested? Right! Some poor clerk who got a two thousand dollar down payment. Now Really!! Is that fair?

Frankly if it was my tax money you were using for your bribes I would just as soon the clerk at least got as much as the Senator since he will probably be the only one to go to jail.

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SIR: _____

NOW THAT YOU HAVE THOSE
 BASTARDS ON THE HILL IN A TURMOIL,
KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK!
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Dear Sir,

PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM

I just called one of your Agents in Los Angeles; after watching the evening news on T.V. about your Department's efforts to "check out a few Congressmen". I'm proud of you Sir.

There are not enough people in our country willing to say what's on their mind or back someone that is trying to keep everyone on course. I guess that it is hard to maintain a true course when you're floating in a sea of money - but the problem seems to be, that the wrong people have too much money.

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I sure wish to hell we
had Admiral Pickover for
president. Ha, Ha. I see, maybe
we could all choose up sides...
that wouldn't be anything the
"Reds" would want to get in the
middle of.

I hope this made you laugh,
it did me; the smell that would
come from the Kremlin when they
learned who was running the show
in the U.S. — especially if you
were the Vice President, and a
guy like General Patton was
Secretary of State.

Drop me a line if you get time;
I'd like to tell you a story.

In God and the V.B.I.
we Trust,

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Dear Sir,

I just called one of your Agents in Los Angeles; after watching the evening news on T.V. about your Department's efforts to "check out a few Congressmen". I'm proud of you Sir.

There are not enough people in our country willing to say what's on their mind or back someone that is trying to keep everyone on course. I guess that it is hard to maintain a true course when your floating in a sea of money -- but the problem seems to be, that the wrong people have too much money.

Hughie Long's approach to providing government services was "Politics", but those involved in the Koreagate thing and Oil & Gold manipulation of prices is pure "Treason" and treason is your job.

I sure wish to hell we had Admiral Rickover for president, Ha! Ha! Then maybe we could all choose up sides... that wouldn't be anything the "Reds" would want to get in the middle of.

I hope this made you laugh, it did me; the smell that would come from the Kremlin when they learned who was running the show in the U.S.--especially if you were the Vice President, and a guy like General Patton was Secretary of State.

Drop me a line if you get time; I'd like to tell you a story.

In God and the F.B.I. we Trust,

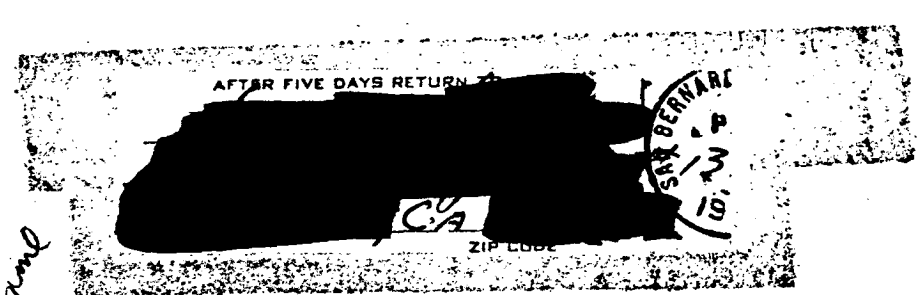
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 J B D Director
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,
 PUBLIC RESPONSE RE AOSCAM
 feel that the
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 Congressmen and the
 J B D should be handled
 by a special prosecutor.
 Sincerely,

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February 12, 1980

Mr. William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

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PUBLIC RESPONSE TO ABSCAM
The word "ABSCAM" is a racial epithet. The fact that it was coined by the F.B.I. does not legitimize its use.

Since a scam is a crime, the word "ABSCAM" associates "Arab" with "crime." But the only Arabs involved in this scandal are fictitious. The guilty parties are Americans.

The decision to pose as representatives of Arabs was regrettable but the past cannot be undone. However, the continued use of the word "ABSCAM" is unconscionable.

Please change the name of this undercover operation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
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Public Response RE 2/11/80
APSCAM

Dear Mr. Webster -

You may be sure most
of the people in this country
have had enough of our
Fed. affairs & especially the
average U.S. Senator & Congressmen
ever though they keep getting
re-elected -

The most intrigue and
plain stealing - is getting
to the Taxpayer and your
Department is showing
and I hope the C.I.A.
Real grass roots support -
then in many years - Keep
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up the good work -
Carter is a complete
disappointment - Weak and
you can see no business
ability to deal with things
he must know are wrong -
but politics is first always -
regardless of all danger to our
Country hereafter -

Casper like Moon Landis
and his Key West & New Orleans
venture or indicated in media -
- now head of I.O.D. where the
loan guarantee comes from -

but Carter - plays ostrich -
mess votes in Louisiana - &
the Fed. judgeships in Alabama
needs the black vote -

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Dear Mr. Webster --

You may be sure most of the people in this country have had enough of our Fed. officials & especially the average U.S. Senator & Congressman even though they keep getting reelected.

The waste, intrigue and plain stealing - is getting to the Taxpayers - and your Department is stronger now and I hope the CIA in real grass roots support -- than in many years -- Keep up the good work. Carter is a complete disappointment -- weak and you can see no business ability to deal with things he must know are wrong - but politics is first always-regardless of all danger to our country's welfare.

Cases like Moon Landrier and his Key West & New Orleans ventures as indicated in media -- now head of HUD where the loan guarantee comes from -- but Carter - plays ostereck -- needs votes in Lousiana -- & the Fed. Judgeships in Alabama needs the Black vote.

Do your best and best of luck. You'll win out in long run.

Good Luck

/s/ [REDACTED]

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PUBLIC Response, Re ABSCAM
OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Sirs,
 Are there any ABSCAM operations going on down south? If so please let me know as I could use a few thousand this cold weather. Since they are not going to do anything about the Washington D.C. affair I think they should make it open to the general public so we can get in on some of that easy money.

Sincerely yours,

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February 11, 1980

The Honorable Senator Stevens
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Senator, *PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM*

The other day I heard you on T.V. explaining to someone interviewing you that the F.B.I. should not use Intrapment to catch your fellow legislatures. I couldn't believe what I heard - but isn't that what you said? Instead of bragging on the F.B.I. for finding a crooked congressman and being glad to see him thrown out of the most responsible job there is, a representative of the people, you Senator are saying to me, anyone has his price. Well, does it take one to know one Senator? That's the old saying! Anyway Senator, I hope the people of Illinois see you for what you are, one who believes that everyone is crooked and its dirty pool to trick him into exposing himself, and kick you out of office.

I wish I could find a way to express my contempt for crooks in government. I get upset enough when I can't drive through my home town at night without locking the car doors and hoping I don't have a flat tire when I would have to leave the relative safety of my car - but with the crooks in Washington where can I hide!!

Sincerely,

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cc: John Glenn, Senator
Howard Metzenbaum, Senator
Clarence Brown, Congressman
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Keep up the good work!! /

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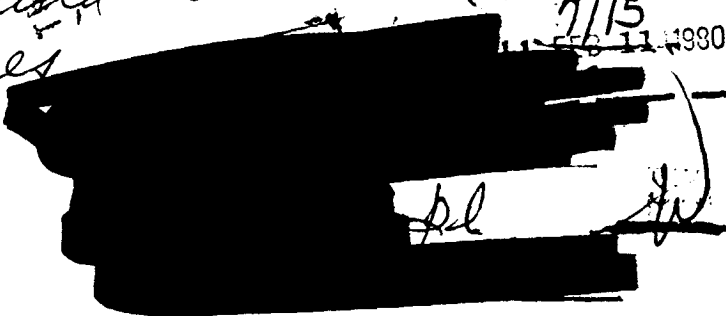
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Keep on digging. When you find a few rotten apples in the barrel, there are ^(11 X 11) bound to be ^{DE-50 63-17561} ~~more~~ spotted ones.



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PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM

The Congressional stink is so bad,
we can smell it in [redacted] N.Y.

A Job well done. Keep up the
good work. [redacted]

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The Hon. Mr. Webster
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr William H Webster:
10th Ave N.W.
Washington D.C. 20535.

Public Response Re: Abscon
Dear Sir:

I wish to congratulate you and your organisation for the work you have undertaken in uncovering corruption where it may exist among elected government officials.

All of my friends as well as myself were shocked to see your agency come under fire from a number of congressmen who complained about your methods. Please keep up the good work, your effort is vital to the very survival of our nation.

Sincerely yours

P.S. A \$ xxxx bribe to a public official is in my opinion much more dangerous and injurious to society at large than a bank robbery ~~in~~ for the same amount!

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir: **PUBLIC RESPONSE** Re: **Abseam**
Our attitude toward the FBI has taken a quantum jump forward as a result of the recent revelations on "Abseam". We think that it's about damned time that some element of control be employed on unscrupulous members of the legislative branch who have seemed beyond the reach of everyone except the almighty (too late for us) for so long. Liberal wage increases, tax free accounts, magnificent travel expenses, free world travel (business only, of course), haircuts, medical care, discount meals, recreational and athletic privileges, steam baths and massages, manicures and pedicures, automobiles, fantastic pensions, and much more do not seem to be sufficient for many legislators. Well, we're fed up with all of it, and by God we think that an "Abseam" is long past due. Any Congressman or Senator who impedes this type of investigation either directly or indirectly is on our list, whether we can reach him in the political process or not.

Please publicize your problems in this way. **13-17561-60** **13-17561-81** **FEB 19 1980**

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U.S. Army, Retired

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13 February 1980

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SERVICE

Dear Director:

public response re Abseam

My (family) congratulations on your latest move with the members of our Congress and Senate. Far too many incidents over the past ten to fifteen years has suppressed our confidence in those who we trust to represent us, and make our law's. With their double talk, back talk, and side talk, they have really, themselves, done a good job of trust destruction. They, and only they, have caused their integrity to be questioned. And usually, it is he who barks the loudest (snotty), that is guilty of the dual interest game.

If it takes the F.B.I. to police our representatives, then go to it. It has been very clear, to me personally, that they are not able to police themselves. However, in the subject area of integrity, I would refer you to September 1979 Reader's Digest, page 47, "Why Crooked Lawyers Go Free", by James Nathan Miller. As Mr. Miller points out, and should be self evident, the place to really begin this police action is at the bottom of the legal ladder, within the A.B.A., and individual states bar associations. Just as Ralph Nadar has been to consumer products, so to do we need someone, or some body out side of the general organization, to police it and control it.

These muckleheads have essentially been committing murder, and getting away with it. I thought that the schemes of the Federalists had ended with the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution.

Keep up the good work. Who knows, perhaps, we may now be in that time period which will see the engineering of an intelligence unit, which will have some effective control over those who would control (and rob) us. Good luck.

Very sincerely,

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Mr William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Webster ^{Public} ~~response~~ ^{abscam}

[redacted] and I congratulate
the work of your Bureau in the
so-called "Sting" operations. We
feel this undercover work is a
very necessary protection of our
country against corruption that
breeds increasing cynicism on
the part of the public.

I have today written House
Speaker Tip O'Neill urging him
to support your efforts.

Agas 60 MAY 28 1980
Sincerely yours,

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Mr. William Webster
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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Abscam

Dear Sir:

The latest (Abscam, Brilab) FBI obsession with pre-indictment publicity shows its continuing disregard for individual rights.

Like Cointelpro and the black bag burglaries, these latest reported practices show the FBI still thinks it's permissible to break some laws in order to enforce others.

What kind of corruption is that?

Yours truly,

You may file this in the "do not file" file.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Public Response Re: CIBSCIM

As a citizen of this country, I would like to express my approval of your actions in the disclosure of public officials who have accepted money in return for political favors. I have heard some criticism of the handling of this matter by the FBI. These officials are the ones to be condemned for their involvement in illegal activity. I, for one, would like to express my approval of your methods and hope that you will continue to ferret out corrupt officials wherever they might be.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Public Response
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TO ALL F.B.I MEN

DEAR SIR'S

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU
FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING TOO
KEEP THE FAT CATS. IN THE
CONGRESS AND SENET. HONEST
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WILL GO ON TV. AND TELL ALL
THE PEOPLE WHY THEY DID WHAT
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TELL US HOW THE F.B.I.
IN TRAP THEM. AND HOW
WRONG THE F.B.I. IS FOR
SPYING ON THEM. WELL I
WILL TELL YOU WHAT I THINK
AND A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE
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UP. BY KEEPING THE FAT CATS
STRATE GOD BLESS

YOURS TRULY

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To All F.B.I Men

Dear Sirs

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for what you are doing too keep the fat cat's in the congress and senet. Honest they will take a bribe. Then when they get caught, they will go on TV. and tell all the people why they did what they did, to try and catch someone that is dishonest. Too the people and the Gov. and all the time they are the dishonest one's. But they get on T.V. and tell us how the F.B.I. intrap them. And how wrong the F.B.I. is for spying on them. Well I will tell you what I think and a lot of other people out here think. That you boy's are doing one "Hell" of a good job. So keep it up. By keeping the fat cat's strate God bless

Your's Truely

/s/ [REDACTED]

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FBI/DOJ

Public Response

Dear Dir. LEADCAM

OUTSIDE SOURCE

I don't know if this one small letter will ever reach your office and you or not, but here's one person who reads avidly the work you are doing in investigating our elected Congressmen and I say to you "Right On" brothers — There's no excuse for them in this world. They make good salaries. — Live the so called "Good Life" —

I am a retired school teacher of 31 yrs. experience and run a home on an 8000⁰⁰ retirement salary. This includes the soc. sec. too (annually) There just is no excuse except a weak character for these things you're finding —

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backing & prayers
are with you —

Sincerely

W. H. H. W.
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14 February 1980

William Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Constitution Ave. & 10th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Public Response Re Abscam

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David L. Rose, Chief, Federal
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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

cc. E.M. Kennedy, Chairman, Senate
Judiciary Comm.

B. Williams, Black Congressional Caucus
[REDACTED], Seattle, DOL, ETA/EEC

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Wm H. Webster, Director
F.B.I. Justice Dept.
Washington D.C.

Feb. 1980
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Public response re ABSCAM

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For years it has been disheartening to view government corruptions, great and small, occur, attracting only momentary media interest, then fading into the background of succeeding events.

We had, it seems to me, become so inured to that pattern (many refer to such an attitude as sophisticated) that the notion of public office being a public trust can be safely disregarded.

Too, the discrediting of the F.B.I. during the recent past for activities which I found distasteful, did little to build confidence in the citizen. He knew, of course, that elected office was one thing and had no control, excepting one based on gross faith - that the elected official would discharge his responsibilities according to the oath he took.

The almost epidemic violation of the compact between office holder and citizen, much of which, but not all, has been written about routinely, has been not just sickening, but frightening.

The task you've undertaken now may be turned back by a combination of forces that can bring terrific power to bear. But seeing the F.B.I. take on this chore of overriding import to everything it's done in its past give me hope. It's a nearly impossible job - and it's your agency's finest hour.

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Sincerely,

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Wm H. Webster, Director
F.B.I. Justice Dept.
Washington D.C.

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February 14, 1960

Mr. William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

REGISTERED MAIL

Dear Sir:

Public Response re

I wish to congratulate you on the work that you have done with ABSCAM. You have exposed some of the crooked politicians who take the taxpayers' money but are entirely unqualified morally to be in the position where they are.

You have been accused of entrapment but to the common person there can be no such thing as entrapment if an elected official has the moral courage that should be required of his office. Keep it up and point out the criminals even though you may not get convictions. 3-17567-82

Please let me know to whom I should write if there is someone who can strengthen your hand. More power to you.

Sincerely yours,

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A Concerned Citizen

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WAY TO KEEP OUR
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THE F.B.I! MANY AMERICANS
APPRECIATE YOUR FANTASTIC
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OUT OF THEM & KEEP THEM
HONEST!

THANKS F.B.I!

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February 14, 1980

Honorable William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Webster:

Public Response Re: abscon
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A brief note of support for you and the members of the Bureau.
The criticism of late directed to the FBI for its ABSCAM operation is not proper. Further I feel that it does not properly represent the members of the American public at large.

I am satisfied, based upon your statements, that the operation was thought out carefully and closely supervised. It was not, as some would have us to believe, the result of an over-zealous agent on a witch hunt for crooked public officials.

I do hope that you pursue with every effort the news leaks of the operation. That type of conduct by any employee cannot be tolerated. I have suggested to Senator Howard Baker and others that he publicly support the Bureau.

Indeed the Congress has not sufficiently demonstrated its ability to keep its own house clean. Congressional censor and admonishment simply will no longer do. The Bureau ought to pursue such investigations in the future to insure the integrity of all public officials. I hope the Justice Department will prosecute each violation to the full extent of the law. Those who violate the public trust in such a manner must suffer the consequences and properly be punished for their ill deeds.

You should know that I speak to you as a member of the law enforcement community but perhaps more important than that as a member of the state government. As public officials we all must live up to the public's expectation for integrity.

Keep up the good work.

Warmest Personal Regards,

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Dear People

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I am sending this small ^{extra} thank you for the wonderful work you have always done, but especially lately. I hope and pray that the Democrats cant cover it all

Now Please dont hurt their reputations!! How could you?

as if they did to a gate it makes me mad. ADSCAM

And theyre trying to blame the FBI for posing as Arabs! What are you supposed to do, go up & show your card & say "Im from the FBI, what have you been up to lately"? I think the FBI & the CIA should both be unshackled & turned loose. Im sure they arent going to waste their time finding out who is sleeping with who, without a valid reason. I asked my sister once if only Crooks went into Politics, or if they got to be crooks afterward. She said she thought it worked both ways. I think if the CIA hadnt been so ham string the trouble in Iran might have been averted. I think more would be more - but Im on a limited income (not welfare thank god).

(not related to)

Shut the fake son!

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I originally had this written to send to
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of kids - No I don't think the Hoover
building should have its name changed

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Dear People

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/s/ [REDACTED] (Not related
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Maryland

February 15, 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Attention: Mr. William H. Webster, Director

public response **ABSCAM**

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

I congratulate you and your reorganized Bureau on the recent ABSCAM and BRILAB operations. This type expose is greatly needed to eliminate corruption and protect our nation from destructive activities.

I sincerely hope that a maximum number of convictions will result from your efforts.

As I expected, there were screams of woe and allegations of wrong doing by the FBI from Congress, but your adept use of intermediaries to ferret out corrupt persons puts these loudmouth, slobbering idiots in a difficult position.

I expect the future to bring forth more fruitful investigations, including one on subversives, despite the legal confusion created by Congress. Their desire to stop this type of investigation only creates doubt in my mind as to their real intentions.

As a gesture of approval and encouragement, I offer the following possible projects:

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| COMLEG | - Communists in legislature |
| MAFCO | - Mafia in private industry |
| COMREV | - Revolutionary subversives |
| MAFPOL | - Mafia influence in police departments |
| MAFSEC | - Mafia in Securities & Exchange Commission |
| COMGOV | - Communists in government |
| CHURCOM | - Communists in churches |
| MAFBANK | - Mafia in banking |
| MAFOOD | - Mafia in food distribution |

Please pardon my acronyms, but I could not resist.

All of the above categories have had short articles appearing sporadically in local newspapers, and I feel that elimination of these problems will add billions of dollars to the gross national product.

I wish you success in your future endeavors.

Respectfully,

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February 15, 1980

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of the F.B.I. Director
Washington D.C. 20005

Public response re ABSCAM

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am very much encouraged by the recent actions of the F.B.I. in dealing with corruption in our government and with corrupt elements in the society.

In many ways not yet apparent, this reemergence of the F.B.I. as a forceful official against the enemies within, will do much to strengthen this nation.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. William Webster

FBI PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSSAM

Washington D.C.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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Shouldn't the FBI clean it's own house before taking on any other government agency.

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Why do we ever send our
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Hon. ?? Webster
 Director - FBI
 Wash. D.C.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

2-15-80

Dear Mr. Webster

Public Response Re: Apscom
 Mr. Lanham and I wholly disagreed with the persecution of the F.B.I. by the liberal left and many politicians.

We are delighted to see the recent fine work the Bureau is doing.

We commend all of you.

We stand squarely behind you and urge you to keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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Public Response

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F.B.I. Director Wm. H. Webster
F.B.I. Bldg. Washington D.C.

Re
AbSCAM

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Dear Mr. Webster;

I just finished the article on you in the Feb. 18, 1980 U.S. News and World report. I send my sincere congratulations on the good work your department is doing weeding out the many crooks in Congress. Keep up the good work and pay no attention to those that will try to hinder or stop you from your good work. Believe me the public is 100% back ~~as~~ you and you have a big job to finish.

Sincerely

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cc Thomas O'Neill

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Feb 16, 1980

William Webster
Director of the F.B.I.

Washington, D.C.

~~Public Response re~~ **ABSCAM**
Dear Sir,

Now that the Country has
finally recovered from Watergate,
and it is no longer a topic of
daily conversation, the F.B.I.
has created Abscam for us. **(9)**

I was certainly amazed
that there were so few crimes
for the Bureau to investigate that
it had to create one of its own. I
also resent my tax dollars going
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William Webster
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

Now that the Country has finally recovered from Watergate, and it is no longer a topic of daily conversation, the F.B.I. has created Abscam for us!

I was certainly amazed that there were so few crimes for the Bureau to investigate that it had to create one of its own. I also resent my tax dollars going to support such a scheme. This investigation lasted for 23 months and involved 100 agents. If there were not crimes to be investigated, then I believe the FBI should be reduced in force to save tax dollars.

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Public response

17 Feb 1980

re Abscam

Dear Mr. Webster,

OVERSEA SERVICE

My husband and I wish to thank you and your agents for a fine job, ABSAM.

Keep up the good work

Sincerely yours,

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February 17, 1980

The Office Of The F.B.I.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Director William Webster:

public response to the 1977
RE ABSCAM

I can well imagine the terrible pressure that is being focused at the office of the director since the publication of the covert investigations into illegal influence peddling all across the nation. It appears to be symptomatic of the world we live in that the influence one weilds is more important than the job one performs. It well past the time when such manipulations are rewarded with both monetary, and status enrichments to the perpetrator of such immoral acts. Investigations such as those carried out by the skillful operatives of your department deserve to given the credit for the ethical climate they seek to preserve. Whether it involves a politician, a labor leader, an insurance broker, a stock analyst, or a bible-belt preacher, all these professionals are subject to the moral standards we expect of our leaders. The public cannot countenance immoral, or illegal practices among its government, and community executives without endangering the whole social system.

Let me encourage you to continue your very proper investigations even though you will be pressured to back off from what you consider a very proper responsibility. Congress is very chagrined over the seven Congressmen, and one Senator who have been linked to bribery, and conspiracy by closely channeled tape, and video evidence collected in the process of investigations into malfeasance in office. The Senate, and House Ethics Committies are very lax in their oversight of solons who are subject to extremely heavy lobbyist influence constantly in the performance of their duties. The real culprit are the lobbyists who attempt to exert undue influence on legislation for their employers who spend freely to support, or contest legislation that would adversely affect their special interests. A strong effort by the Senate, and House Judicial Committies to strictly limit the number, and activities of highly paid mercenaries of special interest would go along way to defuse some of the pressure on the elected officals, and those in prominent positions in government, and private industry.

It is obvious from the disclosures among the top executives of most of our upper etchelon industrial concerns that bribery, pay-offs, conspiratorial conduct of every form, are practiced without constraint in most business dealings. This perhaps is the result of the international acceptance of 'Baksheesh' which is the by-word of commercial contact between suppliers, and purchasers. The Boeing, Lockheed, I. T. T., the list is endless, and has compromised many foreign heads of State implicated during subsequent investigations alleging such unethical, and immoral practices. Burt Lance, Hamilton Jordan, G. William Miller, among those accused of improper behavior, or illegal proceedings, give witness to the depth of the influence conspiracy that meanaces every day life. It is granted that none of those mentioned is guilty until proven so in court, but the stigma attached to the charges tend to bind those accused to those convicted previously. If any undue pre-trial prejudice exists it is unfortunate, but I cannot see how exposed investigations that have to come to light at some point would not present such a viewpoint.

The F.B.I. investigation termed, "ABSCAM", is apparently the result of an inquiry into stolen art that is marketed on the underground exchange in the U.S. In the process of this operation information was tendered that influence could be purchased for any number of areas of both business, and government. The required arrangements could be used for whatever interest the procurer had in mind if the offer was acceptable. Now, I ask in all earnestness, how simple a set-up would be proffered if this practice were not widespread, and generally permitted to exist by those who should be controlling such activities? Even second rate spy plots have more cunning employed in the payoff for services rendered than this latest escapade by some of our most experienced solons.

I am reminded about what Senator Muskie's reply was when he was quizzed about the ethicacy of undercover operations to expose the influence peddling existant in all walks of political life. Replying that he personally felt that inquires into suspected illegal, and immoral practices by public servants of any category was necessary. He may not of necessity approve every type of operation that uncovers such evidence, and the methods used to accumulate the information for conviction, but the results prove that they are vitally needed for control of abuse. He was saddened by the discovery of wrong-doing by fellow solons, but also heartened by the evidence that the watching entities are active.

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The other long-term inquires into wholesale insurance fraud, and kickback operations throughout the southern district of the U.S. principally along the Gulf Coast, reveals the broad extent of the bribery, and payoff system that has existed for so long with only an occasional instance surfacing when the circumstances became so flagrant that they could not be covered up. Not all the responsibility for such dereliction of duty should fall on the charged perpetrator for he would not be in that lucrative position if great efforts were not made by those who would influence him, or by an apathetic public which chooses to accept these conditions as a necessary procedure in the conduct of business. As a responsible society we cannot condone the unlawful actions by any societal member, but very especially our major role models, the elite leadership of industry, and government. Just dismissing it with the discovery of such great wickedness by saying that it exists on every level, and must therefore be a part of the conduct of all affairs is betraying the trust that everyone should be responsible for.

The recent F.T.C. probes into the felonious activities of the funeral industry, the used auto business, the insurance brokerage operations, and dozens of other nefarious activities places extra burdens on those law enforcement agencies that are responsible for the proper conduct of day to day operations of legitimate trade domestically, and internationally. The high level of criminal conduct used by many organizations to merchandise their wares predisposed these industries to close scrutiny by watchdog agencies at all levels of government. Funeral Associations from Texas, New York, and Pennsylvania reported on the practices currently used in their respective areas. This industry deserves to have a very broad based delving into its suspect practices, but the Congress is seeking to curb the F.T.C. powers to investigate independently by establishing committees which must be informed of the procedures to be followed. This smacks of cover-up in my ledger, and I have complained bitterly to those supporting such Congressional white-washing of wrong-doing!

Most serious-minded solons are stating broad support for the F.B.I. efforts to expose the illegal shennanigans of the minority of office holders, and evilly-inspired influence merchants who sell their souls for profit, and status. Many of this nation's citizens do desire to improve the ethical standards that should be the hallmark of leadership starting at the very lowest level of activity, to the very pinnacle of so-called success. We would much prefer to feel comfortable about our elected leadership, instead of suspicious of their true intent. The days of the giant political machines such as Tammany Hall, the Pendergast Bunch, and the Jack Daly Mob. are in the past, and we should well profit by their obvious excesses in the conduct of public, and private affairs. By burying our head in the sand as the ostriech does to avoid facing reality, we accomplish nothing that will improve the climate in our nation. Let us then face up to our individual, and collective responsibilities, wherever they lie!

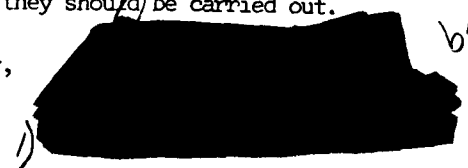
I am certain that Attorney-General Benjamin Civiletti is behind your investigative program, and will continue to support the activities that expose the criminals, and culprits in our society. Certainly there may be mitigating circumstances that would distinguish between certain culpability, and innocent enticement. I do not believe that your present cases involve entrapment in that your office took every precaution to not directly offer bribes, or considerations for services rendered. The usual immunity that cloaks the Congressmen should not interfere in the Justice Department proceedings that are required to exonerate the innocent, and convict the dishonest practitioners.

The President has expressed extreme dismay at the proposal by Congress to handicap the F.T.C. by making it subservient to a host of Congressional Committees that would seek to mitigate the direct charges of the F.T.C. investigations. Characterizing the attempt by Congress to take the pressure off the industries now under scrutiny by the F.T.C. as meddling in the proper conduct of that agency charged with fair commercial practices, is unhealthful. Covering up the wrong-doing to save the reputation, and freedom of the violators of official law does not enhance our public image one bit. We cannot successfully deal with the day to day problems that all societies face nagged by distrust, and suspicions of malfeasance in office. It must be recognized that ethical standards are absolutely required in leadership areas of every type, and strict adherence must be maintained to those rules on pain of repudiation by the public which employs most of the perpetrators.

Let us therefore stand behind our watchdogs, keep the pressure off them so they can perform their appointed tasks as they should be carried out.

Very supportively yours,

Sincerely,

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February 18, 1980

Public Response

Dear Mr. Webster:

AB-CPM

I am delighted to read in the newspaper about the "sting" operations conducted by the FBI. Realizing the "pressure" that is brought to bear on you and your agency for conducting these type of investigations makes me even more appreciative of your efforts.

Our country needs moral, ethical elected officials and if we have elected a "bad apple" we need to know about it. As the father of three boys I am outraged by the open circulation of pornography. Please continue the efforts of your Hip-hop operation and do what you can to rid our nation of this plague.

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Dear Mr. Webster,
 I have been delighted
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 maybe for a once; they will
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 dirt under the rug in a
 coverup, as they have done
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Keep up the good work.
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Mr. William Webster

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Webster,

Opinion response is ABSCAM

Perhaps the Congress and Senators are giving you all sorts of problems since your 'Abscon' operations have come to light but - as a taxpaying voting American I say 'Thank you' and keep going. The Korean pay off never did come completely out. I felt, but surely you must continue this time. We, the people, cannot help but be for you wholeheartedly. We vote in November — Give us the knowledge to vote intelligently.

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Public response re Abscam

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Feb. 19, 1980

To Public
Response re ABSCAM

My dear Mr. Webster,

I'll admit that I had to go to the library to get your name and address - but I just wanted to say how much I appreciated the news of recent bribe investigations.

Maybe instead of trying to be a Sto, your agency is trying to do the work they are paid to do - by the people!

Let's hope it doesn't just turn into another "circus" - with a slap on their hands - and then forgotten.

With every good wish,

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19 February 1980
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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

public response re Abscam

Congratulations!! It is a rare and real pleasure as a tax payer to see that my Federal dollars are going to efforts to keep the Congressmen honest. Your Abscam investigation should have been done years ago and should be continued. If we can not create an honest Congress or judicial system there is no hope that anyone else will be honest. If it takes "entrapment" "so be it" as Carl Rowan and all the other columnists are saying. No one is entrapped who has not been transgressing the line.

For too long, the "club" in Congress has enabled its members to do anything they so see fit and after covers up and protects them. Fortunately most newspaper editorials or the public have very little sympathy for this defense of "entrapment." What we should be more concerned with is if you hadn't "trapped" some long, overdue corrupt Congressmen. There are a few honest Congressmen, but they are a minority. Congress has taken way good care of itself financially. Their salaries are very adequate and when you add their lu-lus, junkets, "lecture" fees, plus all the tax-hidden benefits I have no sympathy for them. (They are the major cause of our inflation as well.) To perpetuate dishonest acts to the magnitude they do and then take umbrage about being caught, takes guts.

Those like Rep. Theodore Weiss and John Seiberling apparently are worrying more about entrapment and the Congressmen's image then the public's welfare-typical of them. No window dressing, but some honesty for a change would alter the image aspect.

Nothing gave me more delight than to see that your net picked up two of the biggest fakes in our Congress today who have always had their hands in the union's pockets - our exalted Congressmen from New Jersey, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Williams. (How many jobs can "Honest" Harry's wife hold at one time??) It will be very interesting to see how their colleagues on the Ethics Committee protect them. You'll then hear some of the most imaginative fairy tales since the passing of Hans Christian Anderson. Don't you think Rep. Kelley showed great promise with his tale?? He'll be hard to beat.

Keep up the good work. Someday we might have an honest Congress not through its own doings, but from fear of an effective agency that is doing it's job to protect the public's welfare.

Sincerely,
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cc: Rep. Frank Thompson, Rep. Theodore Weiss, Rep. John Seiberling
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Mr. William Webster
Director
FBI
Washington, D. C.

Public response
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OUTSIDE SECURITY

Dear Mr. Webster:

I have just written to my two Senators to request them to do everything in their power to help the FBI -- and how thrilled we are with your "Sting" operations. You have restored a feeling of pride in our government offices -- we citizens feel so bogged down with inefficient bureaucracies. And when you came out with the statement that you had personally approved every action taking by your men -- I really was pleased.

Thank you very much for exposing these elected officials to Congress who were using their office to promote illegal operations and taking bribes as pay-offs. Also, your operations to catch the big-wigs of the porno publications which tear down the morals of this wonderful country are sincerely appreciated by this ordinary citizen.

Thank you again and again.

I hope you continue many more investigations and hope that the right judges can be found to mete out the punishments needed.

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February 19, 1980

FBI Director
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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We have recently heard on the news a great deal about the FBI investigations of our supposedly honest and upright leaders in Congress. We think it is just great that your organization is doing this and extend our sincere Congratulations to you.

We sincerely hope that you will follow through with this and not give in to any persuasions to back off. Thank you again. We are 100% behind you.

Sincerely,

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS

1825 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 211, Washington, D.C. 20009 202-797-7757

February 19, 1980

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am writing to request a meeting between you and representatives of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) concerning press reporting on ABSCAM, the FBI's recent undercover investigation. Our concern is not the substance of the investigation but rather the use of an Arab-related "cover story" that has deepened anti-Arab prejudice because it reinforced the familiar stereotype of Arabs as high-spending people with low moral values. We are less disturbed by the possibility of a decision to "stick it to the Arabs" than that it may never have occurred to the planners that ABSCAM was prejudicial and likely to damage American relations with the Arab world.

I would not be candid if I were not to say that the FBI has a poor reputation in the Arab-American community. This view by people who pride themselves on their loyalty to the United States stems from FBI activities such as "Operation Boulder" that may have had a valid objective but that ended up violating the civil rights of American citizens of Arab ancestry.

We believe that an informal discussion with you would be mutually beneficial and perhaps help clear the air. It is in the interest of the FBI to have the confidence of the American people as well as to understand more about relating to communities that seem to be unduly on the receiving end.

We would anticipate bringing four or five individuals in our group. We would appreciate it if your office could give us a call so that we can arrange a time to meet.

Thank you.

Regards,

J.R. Abinader
Executive Director

cc: Joanne McKenna, President
Dr. Peter Tanous, NAAA Board

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PUBLIC RESPONSE Re ABSCAM

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NAAA Statement for FBI Director William Webster

The FBI has developed a credibility problem in the Arab-American community resulting from FBI activities that may have had a valid goal but that had a highly prejudicial side effect on Arab-Americans in the process. Arab-Americans are loyal and law-abiding citizens whose support the FBI needs for its legitimate purposes, but in order to regain this support the FBI must develop a cultural awareness still lacking.

The deplorable effect of ABSCAM on the public's perception of Arabs (and by extension Arab-Americans) has no doubt been made clear. Nevertheless, it is important to reiterate our concern that if this negative effect never occurred to the planners of ABSCAM, it serves to underscore the need for heightened cultural sensitivity within the FBI. The popular image of the Arab is regrettably a two-dimensional caricature with lots of money and low moral values. Apparent Administration endorsement of this image in ABSCAM must be condemned.

Operation Boulder, mandated by President Nixon following the 1972 Munich Olympics tragedy, was intended to screen out potential "Arab terrorists" but resulted in a massive "fishing expedition" that saw good and decent Arab-Americans harrassed, embarrassed, and humiliated --sometimes publicly-- by FBI officials attempting to link them to illegal activities solely on the grounds of their cultural origins. Operation Boulder was a black chapter in the history of American civil rights and government interference.

The FBI can and must take steps to avoid such mistakes in the future. NAAA stands ready to provide assistance in cultural interpretation of Arab, Arab-American, and Islamic subjects to FBI officials upon request. We urge that the FBI take the initiative in this regard.

The United States has vital national interests in the Arab World, and the Arab-American community serves as a link with the Arab World, reinforcing traditional bonds of friendship with the region. It is important that Arab-Americans have confidence in all the branches of our government, including the FBI.

13-17561-114 March 6, 1980

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FEBRUARY 4, 1980

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

REPORTED CONGRESSIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF BRIBES BY FBI UNDERCOVER AGENTS
POSING AS ARAB REPRESENTATIVES IS DEPLORABLE. FBI USE OF ARABS IS MORE
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PREJUDICE. NEXT TIME YOU NEED HELP FROM THE ARAB WORLD PLEASE REMEMBER
THAT THE FBI CAPER CAME FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATION, AND THE ARABS KNOW
THAT.

MRS. JOANNE MCKENNA
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF ARAB AMERICANS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

CC: ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVILETTI

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STATEMENT ON "ABSCAM"

The apparent willingness of Members of the U.S. Congress to accept bribes from FBI agents posing as representatives of Arab interests is a sad commentary on the morality of Congress. The decision by the FBI to build the "scam" around Arabs is also a sad commentary on cultural bias in American society and institutions. At a time when negative racial and cultural stereotypes are gradually being eliminated, a branch of the Administration has taken a major step to perpetuate the image of Arabs as unscrupulous aliens.

The Arab World is part of the Third World, struggling to develop and at the same time to maintain traditional social and religious values. But several Arab countries are also vital trading partners of the United States because they provide much of the oil on which our industrialized society runs. Every action that perpetuates negative images of the Arab World increases obstacles to normal and healthy ties with the United States. Lest anyone fail to understand the inherently ugly nature of stereotypes, let him reflect on the impact of an FBI operation that, instead of being called "ABSCAM" (short for "Arab Scam"), was instead called "JEWSCAM". The outcry would be tremendous, and fully justified. The chuckles that attend "ABSCAM" show how far American society must yet travel toward equality. The FBI has shown that it is still part of the problem, not part of the solution.

February 4, 1980

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Public Response

Mr. William Webster Re
Director, F.B.I. Abscam

OUTSIDE ROOM

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I would very much appreciate your
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Sincerely,

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

February, 20,

Mr. William Webster
Director, FBI
Pennsylvania Avenue
Between 9th & 10th NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Webster:

Resounding congratulations on the excellent job which the Bureau has completed so far in connection with congressional involvement in "ABSCAM". I hope you will do everything in your power to see that the situation is pursued to its rightful conclusion.

In the past, Congress has been incredibly negligent in policing the action of its members. I believe the almost total indifference to the ethical and legal misconduct of its members will continue. Thus, I urge that you:

1. Resist the pressures which will undoubtedly be applied to, weaken or interfere with your vigorous pursuit of the current situation.
2. Continue the Bureau's efforts to uncover other instances of illegal activity within Congress and other areas of the Federal government.

Successful efforts in the above areas can only serve to strengthen the government longer term.

I'm confident that you have the vast majority of the American people solidly behind you. The comments I have specifically heard net down to "congratulations" and "keep up the good work".

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Benjamin Civiletti - Dept. of Justice
Mr. Thomas P. O'Neill

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Webster:

Public Response Re

This letter is written in anger and in strong support of your ABSCAM operation; which is to say in anger at the Congress, which I see as now engaged in every effort at a coverup to save its own hide and in strong support of your effort to throw light of discovery on their behavior.

I hope you will not be deterred. Further, I hope you will find effective weapons against the attempt by Congress to compel you to give up the evidence you have so far discovered. I remain (cynically?) convinced that the reason Congress want to get its grubby hands on the evidence is that it may thereby be better able to save the hides of the guilty members.

My view is that if there are a people who get the government they deserve it is the people of the U.S. They have the power to end this at one blow in one fell swoop. Can you imagine what message they would be sending if they turned out every member of the House of Representatives at the next election? And that third of the Senate that comes up? The plea that that would punish innocent members with the guilty may have some merit. But the overriding issue here is the integrity of this government.

Please continue. And I hope you get thousands of letters in support.

Sincerely,

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Judge William Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Ave
Washington DC

Dear Judge Webster:

Public Response Re Abscam

Amidst the doubts and criticism which the Bureau and you personally are receiving over the uncovering of the tie-ins (alleged) among white collar crime, political crime, and organized crime, may I raise one grateful voice of praise for a job which the common people of America has felt needed doing for a long, long time.

Naturally I have my doubts about the prior leaks to the media -- especially arrogant in the case of NBC -- which may endanger the cases. I assume that you will thighten that in the future.

I fought for civil rights, am a member of ACLU, and an unabashed LIBERAL Democrat who firmly believes in all the things that those causes stand for, so perhaps my expression of support my mean a little more.

Sincerely,

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F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

OUTSIDE CENSOR

Dear Sirs, *Public Response Re Abseam*
Greetings from [REDACTED];

Enclosed are four(4) articles.
The first is a clipping from a local paper relating to a recent F.B.I. efforts to seek out and arrest high-level personnel in the pornography business. It gives details of an apparently successful operation by your agents to find some of the top men in this large underworld organization.

The second two are copies of other editorial materials (sources given) which describe and denounce porn. materials and legality.
I'm 25, a vice president of an investment firm here in [REDACTED], and a hard worker (it'll be after midnight when this is finished); one who is proud to be an American and wanting to express my deep appreciation for your work, esp. in risking your lives for to uphold our nation's laws @ indecent public sale of this type of material. Only nine years ago you were photographing me as I joined in with others to march against the Indo-China war. Back then I had little respect for the F.B.I., now I do and want to express it by this letter of gratitude to you for a job well done in the service of your country's good.

The 4th article: a booklet with well documented references to some of the in's and out's of spies and the F.B.I.'s need to be allowed more room to investigate suspects in the capitol. Perhaps it can be a service to you.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROGRAMS
TO COMBAT WHITE-COLLAR &
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Public Response Re

The Honorable Robert T. Matsui
Congressman, Third District
Cannon Building, Room 502
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Matsui,

I have been in law enforcement for 19 years, the last 10 of which including traveling around the country training officers in a special area of vice that has been very successful in corrupting government officials. During these many years in law enforcement, travel, and consulting with other agencies, it was found that people in law enforcement had a very low opinion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These opinions came from officers who had dealt with the FBI at local, state, and federal levels. It was generally held that the FBI would do little or nothing in regard to corrupt officials, or any complicated criminal case, even when it fell within their jurisdiction; yet all agreed that time and again the FBI would fall all over themselves to take credit for an arrest for some minor bank robbery or car theft.

The new FBI Director's promised attack on organized crime and white collar crime was looked at with a jaundiced eye by those in law enforcement who had long ago disbelieved press releases by the FBI.

The recent revelations of the undercover sting operations by the FBI have proved all of us skeptics completely wrong. Those of us in law enforcement who have criticized the FBI for those years of incompetence should step forward and give them our wholehearted support and urge them to continue with this type of investigations.

My concern as a person in law enforcement, and more importantly as a private citizen, is that because some members of Congress have become suspects in these cases that pressure could be brought against the FBI to change its aggressive policy, or to attack the

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